belonging to Scheduled Castes under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 including all IPC crime during 2004 to 2006 are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 213 annexure No. 14] Data for the year 2007 for crime against persons belonging to Scheduled Castes are yet to be compiled.

(b) The total number of persons convicted for crime against persons belonging to Scheduled Castes under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 including all IPC crime during 2004 to 2006 were 13405, 12468 and 13449 respectively. Data for the year 2007 are yet to be compiled.

Crime against women, children and Dalits

3941. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that crimes against women, children and Dalits are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, how many cases have been reported, the State-wise details for the last one year with the comparative figures of past three years;

(c) how many cases have been solved;

(d) how many cases of murders and minor crimes were reported in Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) in the last one year; and

(e) the action taken threon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles data of crimes on calendar year basis annually. A total of 154333, 155553 and 164765 cases of crime against women were reported in the country during 2004-06, thereby showing an increasing trend. A total of 14423, 14975 and 18967 cases of crime against children were reported in the country during 2004-2006, thereby showing an increasing trend. A total of 26887, 26127 and 27070 cases of crime against SCs were reported in the country during 2004-2006, thereby showing a mixed trend.

(b) and (c) The State/UT-wise details of cases registered under crime against women, crime against children and crime against Scheduled Castes during 2004 to 2006 are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix 213 Annexure No. 15], respectively. The State/UT-wise details of cases chargesheeted, cases convicted, persons arrested persons chargesheeted and persons convicted under crime against women, crime against children and crime against Scheduled Cases during 2004 to 2006 are given in as Annexure [*See* Appendix 213 Annexure No. 15].

(d) and (e) The total number of cases registered in National Capital Regon (NCR) under Indian Penal Code (IPC) crime during 2006 was 101116 in which 1652 were cases of murder. Similar figures for 2007 are yet to be compiled. The details of action taken for NCR are not maintained by NCRB. However, in UT of Delhi 54198 persons were arrested and 23895 persons were convicted during 2006 for crimes under the IPC.

Additional fine of Rs. 500 on traffic violation in Delhi

3942. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the court order in pursuance to which the additional fine of Rs. 500 is being

recovered on every traffic violation in Delhi had attached any conditions with regard to its user;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the additional amount collected by Delhi Police on this account, so far, and

(d) the use to which it has been put, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P. (C) No. 16565/2006-Court on its own motion *Vs.* Union of India and Ors. & W.P. (Crl.) No. 207/2004-Court on its own motion *Vs.* State in its order dated 26.3.2007 has directed that "Wherever any driver of any vehicle including a two-wheeler is challaned by the traffic police and/or any other competent authority, he shall be liable to pay costs of Rs. 500/- for each offence committed by him in addition to the composition fee payable in terms of Section 200 of the Motor Vehicles Act or any other enabling provision of law to that effect. Wherever, the challan is tried by the court of competent jurisdiction, it shall consider the question of imposing costs depending on the facts of each case and would exercise such discretion in accordance with settled principles of law. For example, for committing the offence of jumping the red light, the offender shall pay compounding fee equivalent to the fine under the section *i.e.* Rs. 100 and Rs. 500 as costs, thus, totalling to Rs. 600/-". The fine/cost indicated in the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi became effecgive from 9th April, 2007.

(c) and (d) No separate data is maintained by Delhi Police for additional amount collected on this account. However, during 2007 and upto 31st March, 2008, total amount collected as compounding amount and court fine was Rs. 130.20 crore. The amount is deposited in Government account.

Publication/brodcast of false stories of eminent personalities

†3943. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether publication and broadcasting of incoherent stories about great personalities of India has increased these days;

(b) whether Government is concerned about the propaganda made abroad about Mahatma Gandhi, Jawahar Lal Nehru, Lakshmibai, etc.;

(c) whether these issues are being investigated;

(d) whether any demand has been raised to ban a book on 'Jhansi Ki Rani' by a person of Indian origion in London; and

(e) the policy of the Government and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Only one case of an objectionable News item/programme on Mahatma Gandhi, telecast by two news Channels namely Rashtriya Sahara and IBN7, came to the notice of this Ministry. Show Cause Notices were issued to these Channels. The Channels have tendered their apology for the said news-item.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.